Introduction of trains like Shatabadi Express

99. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether more trains like the Shatabadi Express are being envisaged;

(b) if so, on which routes and by when;

(c) whether any survey in this regard has been conducted; if so, what are the findings and recommendations in respect thereof; and

(d) what is the estimated expenditure involved therein?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (d) The present run of the Shatabadi Express having a maximum speed limit of 140 Km/h, is experimental in nature. Based on the experience gained therefrom survey for introduction of similar trains on some other routes may be considered in due course.

Indian Defence Personnel in Pakistani jails

100. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Indian defence personnel in Pakistani jails and since when they have been there;

(b) whether any fresh efforts have been made for their return to India, after the death of the late President of Pakistan;

(c) if so, what have been the results thereof; and

(d) if no efforts have been made, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) 43 missing Indian defence personnel are believed to be in Pakistan jails since 1971.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government of Pakistan have been taking the position that there are no such persons in their custody.

(d) Does not arise.

Relaxation of norms for construction of tourists Resorts

101. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have relaxed norms for construction of tourist resorts in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the specific location earmarked for the purpose and.

(c) whether the relaxations, if any, are for public sector undertakings engaged in the task or for private parties also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The Central Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism have not relaxed norms for construction of tourist resorts in the Country.

(b) and (c) Dose not arise.

Prime Minister's visit to China

102. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to unstarred question 1131 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th August, 1988 and to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister would be visiting China in the third week of December this year; if so, what is the exact date and length of the visit!

(b) whether the border question between India and China has been set aside and whether there is any change in the attitude